

Colonel Mario Enriquez

United States Marine Corps

DEPUTY COMMANDER, EXPEDITIONARY STRIKE GROUP THREE

Colonel Mario Enriquez was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant upon graduation from Austin College, Sherman, Texas, in May of 1978. After the Basic School Lt Enriquez reported to Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, Camp Lejeune North Carolina, where he served as an Infantry Platoon Commander. Later in his tour, Lt Enriquez was assigned as the Embarkation Officer for the 34th MAU (Marine Amphibious Unit). In June of 1981 Lt Enriquez was released from active duty. His reserve assignments include as Infantry Platoon Commander for Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, and 23rd Marines. From 1984 to 1988 Lt Enriquez served as the Supply Officer, Embarkation Officer, Fire Control Team Leader (FCT) and Staff Assistance Liaison Team Leader (SALT) for 3rd ANGLICO.



In 1988 Capt. Enriquez joined 4th Tank Battalion, in San Diego, Ca., and served as the Fire Support Coordinator and the Assistant Operations Officer. During the Desert Storm/Desert Shield Capt. Enriquez was activated with H & S Company, and mobilized to the sands of Twenty-Nine Palms. In 1992 Maj. Enriquez joined the 3rd Civil Affairs Group (CAG) where he was a Team Leader for Detachment One. During this tour Maj. Enriquez participated in MedRats, in support of 1st FSSG, to Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala.

In 1994 Maj. Enriquez assumed command of H & S Company, 4th Tank Battalion. At the conclusion of this command, LtCol Enriquez returned to 3rd CAG and was given command of Detachment One with the additional duty of Liaison Officer to Central Command. LtCol Enriquez assumed command of 3rd ANGLICO in 1997. In 1999, after his successful command tour LtCol Enriquez returned to 3rd CAG and supported Southern Command in various duties. The first one was a teaching tour to Bogotá, Colombia and the second one a six-month tour to Mexico, City as the TCA (Traditional CINC Coordinator) working directly under the Embassy's MLO (Military Liaison Officer).

In 2001 Colonel Enriquez joined the MACE (MEF Augmentation Command Element) where he was the OIC for the ACRI (African Crisis Response Initiative) in support of the MEF. Colonel Enriquez also participated in two UFLs and was activated for OEF and OIFs 1 and 2 as the OIC of the MEF's LNOs.

His decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Legion of Merit, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Colonel Enriquez is married and has two children.